

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education
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First Holy Communion



PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish family. Every family participating regularly in the spiritual life of our parish is encouraged to register at the Parish Office. Please inform us if you are moving.

BAPTISM:

It is mandatory to attend a baptism instruction class before scheduling the date for the baptism. Baptism is usually celebrated seasonally on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Parents should be registered parishioners and must attend pre-Baptism instruction usually given on the first Sunday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Gathering Room. Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing. Pre-registration at the Parish Office is necessary prior to the Baptism instruction.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Other times by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated seasonally.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

Please notify the Parish Office of any elderly, shut-ins, or sick at home who wish to receive the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick. Priests of the parish will be happy to visit parishioners in the hospitals in the area. Please notify the Parish Office if someone from your family is in the hospital and wishes a priest to visit.

WEDDINGS:

Please make arrangements at the Parish Office with one of the priests of the parish one year in advance.



The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024

+ Our Parish Mission Statement +

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we, the Catholic Community of the Church of the Ascension, New Milford, commit ourselves to celebrate the Gospel of Jesus in Sacrament and Prayer. We dedicate ourselves to foster a warm and loving parish of concern and service for the individual, family and total community.

+ Our Eucharistic Celebrations +

Saturday

8:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday

One Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.

No daily Mass on Friday

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Mass: 8:00am

+ Our Devotions +

Rosary is prayed Monday-Thursday & Saturday after Mass



PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER

PARISH OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 4, 2024

5:30pm People of Ascension Parish
7:30 Doris Piro
9:30 Rosy Ouseph & Family
11:30 Corazon Abalos

Monday, February 5, 2024

8:00 Celerina Frio

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

8:00 Luisa Garcia

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

8:00 Liway Caragay

Thursday, February 8, 2024

8:00 Jeanee Thomas & family (L)

Friday, February 9, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, February 10, 2024

8:30 Andres Calleja

5:30 Kim Nguyen

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 11, 2024

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 James Zadroga

11:30 Remigio Lazaro

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

January 28, 2024: \$4,964.00
Communicating God's Word: \$ 906.00
Communicating WeShare: \$ 69.24

Thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

**Readings for Sunday,
February 11, 2024**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1
Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— Father John Muir

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code.



PLEDGE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

EASTER PASCAL CANDLE

If you would like to memorialize this year's Easter Pascal Candle please contact the parish office for complete information.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

OUR 5:30PM MASS ON SATURDAY IS LIVE STREAMED AND APPEARS ON YOU TUBE FOR OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS TO VIEW.



WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners

The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the parish center office. Thank You! I would like....

- _____ to become a Parishioner
- _____ to update my contact information
- _____ to join a ministry
- _____ *to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

***Must be a family member**

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if for the intention of your loved one.



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Calendar:

Sunday, February 4th – 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center) Monday, February 5th -- 6th, 7th & 8th Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm. Wednesday, February 7th -- 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm. Sunday, February 11th – 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Important:

Please remember that all On-Line Work is due on the following days:
For Sunday Program (1st to 5th Grades) by Wednesday of each week
For Monday Night Program (6th to 8th Grades) by Thursday of each week
For Wednesday Night Program (9th Grade) by Friday of each week.
Parents Please Remember that this work MUST be completed each week.

All families are encouraged to come to Mass each week and parents as also asked to review ALL PRAYERS with your child, they can be found in the back of each book.

Volunteers Needed:

In order for Children's Liturgy of the Word to start we are in need of volunteers to help with it at the 9:30 am Mass. This is a wonderful was in families can go to Mass together each week and is open to all children in the Parish. If you would like to help PLEASE call Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere.

We are in need of Substitutes for our Religious Education Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm – Parish Center
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon -- Parish Center
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

Sign-Up for Small Christian Communities for Lent 2024

Sign-Up will be the
February 10 /11,

I would like to
Season by
Small Faith Sharing
once a week for
Lent.



February 3 / 4 and
2024

start off the Lenten
participating in a
Group that meets
the six weeks of

The groups that available are:

Fr. Jim, which meets on Tuesday Evenings at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Chapel.
Starting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Theresa Thomas, which meets on Thursday Mornings at 9:00am in the Parish Center Gathering Room
Starting on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

Dena & Ron Sedlak, which meets on Thursday Evenings at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Chapel.
Starting on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

Mary & Enrique Blanco, which meets on Thursday Evenings at the Blanco's Home at 7:30 pm.
Starting on Thursday, February 15, 2024

Beth Delgado & Sally Santiago, which meets on Friday Evenings in the Parish Center at 7:30 pm.
Starting on Friday, February 16, 2024

Josie McEwan, which meets on Saturday afternoons- location to be announced at 2 pm.
Starting , Saturday, February 17, 2024

Lenten Faith Sharing Group 2024 Sign-Up

Name: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Group Name _____

*****PLEASE DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET
OR OFF AT THE PARISH CENTER*****

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Louis Vallis, Marguerite Morris, Mary Anne Meyer, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu, Gerard Lee and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

Family Members: PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOMEONE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

Prayer list will be updated every three months

Next renewal date February 5, 2024

Please call office to renew or remove name

“a time to serve...”

Staff Sgt. James Penser, Langley AFB, VA and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.

“a time for peace...”

All of our National and World Leaders.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte**

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE, AND ALTAR FLOWERS for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Weddings Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



**Church of the Ascension Music Ministry
Come Join the Choirs!!**

(Youth Choir Rehearses Saturdays at 4:00pm)

**To sign up or to receive more information,
Contact Our Director of Music
Glenn Gordon after Mass.**



WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS
www.churchoftheascension.net



Please help us to keep our shelves stocked over these cold winter months by donating one or more of the following most needed items:

PAPER TOWELS, NAPKINS, FACIAL TISSUES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, APPLE JUICE, CRANBERRY JUICE, GRAPE JUICE, KETCHUP, MUSTARD, MAYONNAISE, COFFEE, TEA, HOT COCOA, COOKIES, CRACKERS SALAD DRESSINGS. FLOUR, RAISIN BRAN CEREAL, BAKED BEANS, BEEF GRAVY, CHICKEN GRAVY, FRUIT COCKTAIL, RAISINS, MANDARIN ORANGES, APPLESAUCE.

Your continued generosity to our ministry is very much appreciated. God bless!



**Church of the Ascension Food Pantry starts benefiting from the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program at:
34 West Railroad Avenue, Tenafly NJ**

Share the budding excitement and make sure everyone knows that for every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 good bouquet purchased during February, Stop & Shop will donate \$1 to Church of the Ascension Food Pantry!

The Singles Support Group from St. Peter's Parish in River Edge is sponsoring a trip to Texas from March 6 - March 13, 2024. For details and reservations, please call or text Kathy Marshall at 201 615 7824 or email at teacherkmm@yahoo.com



FRIDAY*FEBRUARY 2ND

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PALM PALM

A box will be in the front vestibule of the church until Sunday, February 4th for you to deposit any palm you would like to dispose of.

It is imperative that you remove all staples, string, rubber bands etc. from palm branches, as they will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday on February 14.

HELP US FEED THOSE IN SHELTERS

Our Service Ministry supplies dinner every other month to the Homeless Shelter in Hackensack. Along with dinner, we need to supply 175 desserts for those without homes. As we cannot bring home baked desserts since the beginning of COVID, we are sending "Snack Packs" of cookies, chips, or similar items like those you would pack in a lunch. If anyone would like to help out and donate some of these they can be left in the large brown box located outside the pantry. Our next date to bring dinner is on Thursday, February 15th.. As always, your help would be greatly appreciated in securing these items.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the *Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)*. Your support helps the CCC connect millions with Christ. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.uscch.org/ccc. #1GiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection-see uscch.org/givecatholictogether.org.



EMPTY BOWLS

ENDING WORLD HUNGER ONE BOWL AT A TIME
NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
FRIDAY, MARCH 8th
FROM 5:00-8:00PM

All proceeds are donated to the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry

Will be accepting non-perishable and non-expired food items.

\$15. For a student-made bowl

And all you can eat soup, bread & dessert.

Dine in only!

Children under 5 are \$10.

Payment and Donations must be Cash or Check made out to the "NMHS Activity Fund"

Live music!



MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund in memory of your loved one. Please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961 or stop by the office (located in the Parish Center-256 Azalea Drive)) to check availability.

Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

- ALTAR BREAD AND WINE \$25 per week
- ALTAR FLOWERS \$65 (per basket/per week)
- SANCTUARY CANDLE \$15 per week

MEMORIAL CANDLES:

___ SACRED HEART or ___ BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Donation Amount

- \$25/1 month \$100/5 months
- \$45/2 months \$120/6 months
- \$65/3months \$200/1 year
- \$85/4months

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF: _____

DATE REQUESTED: _____

REQUESTED BY: _____

Phone: _____ Donation Amount: _____

Please return completed form with your check made payable to Ascension Church

Please Notice This



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